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**Report Serious Adverse Events and Selected Adverse Events of Interest to CDC (see Section 7.0).**

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Orthopoxviruses (OPXVs) belonging to the *Poxviridae* family that infect humans are *variola virus* (smallpox), *vaccinia virus* (the virus in smallpox vaccine ACAM2000 and smallpox/mpox vaccine Jynneos), *mpox virus*, *cowpox virus*, *Akhmeta virus* and *Alaskapox virus*. Variola virus, the etiologic cause of smallpox, is the only one that affects humans exclusively, while the others are zoonotic infections that can also be transmitted person-to-person. Poxvirus infections may be localized to the skin or disseminated. The initial site of infection may be the skin, a mucosal surface, or the respiratory tract. Orthopoxviruses, such as mpox (previously known as monkeypox), can also cause serious clinical illness including, but not limited to encephalitis, severe inflammatory response syndrome, respiratory failure, painful head and neck lymph node swelling with or without associated airway and/or swallowing compromise, extensive dermal disruption during rash phase, and/or other septic syndromes.

Since the worldwide eradication of smallpox, the other orthopoxviruses or non-variola orthopoxvirus (NV-OPXV) infections are emerging as a growing public health concern given the potential for spread through international travel, especially among populations that have not been previously vaccinated, and delayed recognition of NV-OPXV infections by healthcare professional who may be less familiar with these infections. Recent cases of human mpox in countries outside of west and central Africa underscore the risk of spread of MPX from beyond its normal endemic region and the potential for sustained local transmission.

In 2003, a mpox outbreak occurred in the United States (U.S.) through direct or indirect contact with MPXV-infected prairie dogs, where 47 confirmed or probable cases of human mpox were identified: 37% of cases were hospitalized, although illness severity was usually mild. Two patients were hospitalized with severe disease; there were no deaths reported. To prevent transmission of MPX, a replication-competent smallpox vaccine (Dryvax<sup>®</sup>, which is no longer available) was administered to 30 individuals (pre-exposure to 7 and post-exposure to 23) with no reported serious adverse events following smallpox vaccination [1, 2].

During September 2018–May 2021, seven unrelated persons traveling from Nigeria received diagnoses of mpox in non-African countries: five in the United Kingdom and one each in Israel and Singapore [3-5]. Response to the cases in United Kingdom included offering vaccination with Imvanex (marketed as Jynneos<sup>®</sup> in the U.S.) as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and antiviral treatment in 3 MPX-infected individuals (1 received tecovirimat; 2 received brincidofovir). In July and November 2021, two independent cases of MPX in travelers from Nigeria were diagnosed in Texas and Maryland and one patient was treated with tecovirimat [6, 7]. Emerging cases of MPX reported in European countries and the U.S. starting in May 2022 with ongoing transmissions highlight the need for prevention and treatment measures. For up-to-date summary of U.S. mpox cases, refer to [2022 Outbreak Cases and Data | Mpox | Poxvirus | CDC](#).

Vaccination is the key modality for prevention of orthopoxvirus infections. There are two FDA-approved vaccines, ACAM2000 (replication-competent, live vaccinia vaccine approved for smallpox for adults and children) and Jynneos (replication-deficient, Modified Vaccinia Ankara-Bavarian Nordic [MVA-BN] approved for smallpox and mpox in adults 18 years and older). However, vaccination must occur soon after exposure to be effective in preventing or reducing the seriousness of the disease caused by orthopoxvirus infections. During an outbreak, effective therapeutic options also are necessary. Additionally, with widespread vaccination, vaccinia vaccine-related complications may occur that necessitate treatment options.

### 1.1 Unmet Medical Need and Rationale for Use of Tecovirimat under Expanded Access IND

Currently, there is no treatment approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for non-variola orthopoxvirus, including MPX. Although tecovirimat is FDA-approved for treatment of smallpox in adults and children, the approved indication is limited to smallpox. Therefore, this intermediate-size

patient population expanded access Investigational New Drug (IND), sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and authorized by FDA, is to allow access to and use of stockpiled tecovirimat for treatment of non-variola orthopoxvirus (NV-OPXV) infection in adults and children.

While the effectiveness of tecovirimat in treating human non-variola orthopoxvirus infections, including mpox, has not been evaluated, it may be reasonable to anticipate potential treatment benefit based on animal efficacy data that supported FDA-approval for smallpox treatment and limited clinical uses of tecovirimat in the treatment of NV-OPXV infected individuals to date.

Tecovirimat has been shown to be effective against various orthopoxviruses in multiple animal challenge models [8, 9]. Tecovirimat was approved for smallpox under the FDA's Animal Rule, which allows efficacy findings from adequate and well-controlled animal studies to support an FDA approval when it is not feasible or ethical to conduct efficacy trials in humans.

## **2.0 PROGRAM OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this expanded access IND (compassionate use) program is to provide stockpiled tecovirimat for treatment of non-variola orthopoxvirus infections (e.g., mpox, vaccinia, or other human virus infection identified as an orthopoxvirus) and secondary treatment of complications from replication-competent vaccinia vaccine in adults and children.

To monitor clinical use of tecovirimat, including any occurrence of serious adverse events and selected adverse events of interest, patient treatment and outcomes information are also intended to be collected under this expanded access IND program **to the extent feasible** (e.g., baseline clinical conditions, progression/improvement post treatment, recovered or not recovered from orthopoxvirus infection). Please refer to **Section 7.0** Clinical Assessment and Monitoring of Patients.

### **2.1 Tecovirimat Eligibility**

Tecovirimat is also available through a [randomized controlled clinical trial](#) called [STOMP](#) (Study of Tecovirimat for Human Mpox Virus). Providers **should** inform patients about STOMP and maximize the opportunity to provide tecovirimat treatment to patients through enrollment in STOMP. Use of tecovirimat under this EA-IND protocol should be for patients whose voluntary participation in STOMP is not feasible (e.g., a clinical trial site is not geographically accessible).

Patients, who meet eligibility criteria noted below, can receive tecovirimat treatment under this IND program (e.g., children and all adults including pregnant and nursing individuals, and prisoners). Clinical considerations of tecovirimat therapy during an outbreak may evolve depending on the duration and nature of the outbreak and event-based information that may become available during the outbreak. Tecovirimat use allowed under this IND protocol is intended to be in concert with CDC's interim clinical guidance for treatment of mpox during the current 2022 mpox outbreak. For up-to-date treatment guidance, please refer to CDC websites at: [Treatment Information for Healthcare Professionals | Mpox | Poxvirus | CDC](#) and [Guidance for Tecovirimat Use | Mpox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

#### 2.1.1 Primary or early empiric treatment

Tecovirimat treatment may be initiated for patients with laboratory confirmed non-variola orthopoxvirus infection or suspected infection based on known exposure(s) and clinical manifestations of disease. Patients with an initial negative OPXV test, but for whom both epidemiologic and clinical evidence suggests OPXV disease (particularly if clinical progression is worsening), should be re-tested but be treated with tecovirimat while results are pending. If results from re-testing confirm orthopoxvirus, patients should continue tecovirimat treatment. If results from re-testing are in agreement with the initial negative orthopoxvirus results, tecovirimat should be suspended in those patients.

### 2.1.2 Secondary treatment

Patients with complications of replication-competent vaccinia infection (e.g., serious inadvertent inoculation with vaccinia, eczema vaccinatum, severe generalized vaccinia, or progressive vaccinia) resulting from vaccination with ACAM2000, secondary transmission, or other exposure are eligible for treatment with tecovirimat. Tecovirimat may be used if a patient is ineligible for Vaccinia Immune Globulin Intravenous (VIGIV) treatment, after VIGIV treatment has been exhausted, or in conjunction with VIGIV and/or other therapies based on the treating clinician's clinical judgment. For information on smallpox vaccine adverse events, see <https://www.cdc.gov/smallpox/clinicians/vaccine-adverse-events5.html>

### 2.1.3 Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)

Tecovirimat may be considered for post-exposure prophylaxis on an **individual case-by-case basis** in consultation with CDC (Emergency Operations Center [EOC] (770) 488-7100) depending on the known high-risk exposure to a confirmed or probable case of NV-OPXV infection (as defined on <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus>) and clinical conditions that necessitate an alternative or complementary option to PEP vaccination based on clinical judgment (e.g., severe allergic reaction to vaccine or vaccine components, immunocompromising conditions).

### 2.1.4 Considerations for IV tecovirimat

Adults and children who are unable to take oral therapy or for whom there is a concern that oral drug absorption may be altered should be considered for treatment with IV tecovirimat. These include critically ill patients hospitalized and unable to feed sufficiently by mouth, as oral tecovirimat absorption is expected to be lower in these patients since bioavailability of oral tecovirimat is dependent on adequate intake of a full, fatty meal. Patients with gastric bypass or evidence of gastrointestinal dysfunction that may negatively impact drug absorption may also be considered for treatment with IV tecovirimat. IV tecovirimat has a labeled contraindication in patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance [CrCl] < 30 mL/min) due to potential accumulating of hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (HP- $\beta$ -CD), an excipient in the IV tecovirimat formulation which is eliminated through glomerular filtration. Enteral administration of oral tecovirimat should be exhausted in renally impaired patients before considering IV tecovirimat. IV tecovirimat should not be administered in patients with CrCl < 30 mL/min. Exceptions may be considered **only** if drug absorption via enteral administration is not anticipated to be dependable or feasible, based on individual patient risk-benefit assessment by the treating clinician that determines IV tecovirimat clinically necessary in consultation with CDC. In these instances, use with caution and close continuous monitoring of renal function. See **Section 2.2 Tecovirimat Ineligibility**.

In the absence of an oral tecovirimat suspension formulation, IV tecovirimat may be considered for children weighing less than 13 kg based on clinical assessment of risk/benefit and if determined appropriate by the treating clinician. Opening the capsule and mixing the tecovirimat powder in water to give a fraction of a capsule content (1/6, 1/4, or 1/2 of a capsule) is an alternative option for younger children weighing less than 13 kg (see **Table 4.1**) and is allowed under the IND. However, oral doses less than a full capsule content (200 mg) require careful preparation by a caregiver and have the inherent potential for inaccurate dosing.

Patients who receive IV tecovirimat should be switched to the oral formulation as soon as they are able to take oral medications and/or gastrointestinal dysfunction impacting absorption has resolved. The timing of transition to oral therapy is based on the clinical judgement of the treating clinician depending on the clinical progress of the patient.



## 2.2 Tecovirimat Ineligibility

- Patient or legally authorized representative unwilling to sign an informed consent and refuse tecovirimat treatment
- Known allergy to tecovirimat and/or inactive ingredients in tecovirimat
- For IV tecovirimat only: patients with severe renal impairment (CrCl <30 mL/min)\*. Oral tecovirimat is an option for patients with severe renal impairment.

**\*Note:** IV tecovirimat has a labeled contraindication in patients with CrCl < 30 mL/min.

Exceptions may be considered **only** if drug absorption via enteral administration is not anticipated to be dependable or feasible, based on individual patient risk-benefit assessment by the treating clinician that determines IV tecovirimat clinically necessary in consultation with CDC. In these instances, use with caution and close continuous monitoring of renal function.

## 3.0 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Tecovirimat (tecovirimat monohydrate) is an inhibitor of the orthopoxvirus VP37 envelope wrapping protein, which prevents the formation of egress-competent enveloped virions necessary for cell-to-cell and long-range dissemination of virus [10]. Depending upon the poxvirus species, its inhibitory activity is from 600- to several thousand-fold greater than that of cidofovir and other drugs used for treatment of orthopoxviruses. In cell culture assays, the effective concentrations of tecovirimat resulting in a 50% reduction in virus-induced cytopathic effect (EC<sub>50</sub>), were 0.016–0.067 μM, 0.014–0.039 μM, 0.015 μM, and 0.009 μM for variola, mpox, rabbitpox, and vaccinia viruses, respectively. There is no structural resemblance of tecovirimat to any other compound currently used in human therapeutics; therefore, no comparison or correlation can be made to human experience for any other known drug. Refer to tecovirimat [Package Insert](#) for additional details.

### 3.1 Tecovirimat Formulations

Tecovirimat is available as oral capsules and injection vials. Each capsule contains 200 mg of tecovirimat active ingredient and comes in unit of use bottle containing 42 capsules. All inactive ingredients/excipients are generally recognized as safe and are United States Pharmacopeia /National Formulary grade. The capsules include the following ingredients: colloidal silicon dioxide, croscarmellose sodium, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, and sodium lauryl sulfate.

Tecovirimat injection (200 mg/20 mL) single-dose vial contains tecovirimat monohydrate (unmicronized) equivalent to 200 mg tecovirimat and the excipient HP-β-CD 8000 mg. The vial stopper is not made with natural rubber latex. Tecovirimat injection must be diluted with 2 parts 0.9% normal saline or 5% dextrose solution prior to infusion.

Tecovirimat capsules should be stored at room temperature at 20–25°C (68–77°F). Excursions are permitted to 15–30°C (59–86°F).

Tecovirimat injection vials should be stored at 2–8°C (36–46°F). Do not freeze. Short-term storage of maximum 24 hours at ambient temperature is acceptable. The immediate container/packaging of tecovirimat does not have a printed expiry date. To determine the expiration date, find the lot number on the product label and refer to the table on the following website to locate the corresponding expiration date: <https://aspr.hhs.gov/sns/Pages/mpox.aspx>. Refer to this website to check the expiry dates for both oral and IV tecovirimat by lot #s since expiry extensions may occur.

#### 4.0 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF TECOVIRIMAT

Tecovirimat dosing for adults and children are as shown in Table 1 (oral) and Table 2 (IV) for 14 days of therapy. In certain clinical situations, modifications to the dose, frequency, and duration may be necessary depending on the individual patient's clinical condition, disease progression, therapeutic response, and/or clinical judgement in consultation with CDC and FDA as appropriate. To request clinical consultation regarding adjustments to dose or duration, contact the CDC (EOC (770) 488-7100).

#### 4.1 Oral Therapy for Adults and Children

Oral tecovirimat should be taken by mouth with a full glass of water within 30 minutes after eating a full meal of moderate or high fat (ideally about 600 calories and 25 grams of fat) in order to improve bioavailability.

**Table 1. Recommended Oral Dosage Instructions for 14 Days<sup>a</sup>**

Weight (kg)	Weight (lbs)	Recommended Dose (mg)	Drug-Water or Drug-Food Preparation for Patients Who Cannot Swallow Capsules (see <a href="#">Attachment 3</a> ) <sup>b</sup>
< 3 kg	< 7 lbs	33.3 mg (1/6 capsule) every 12 hours	Carefully open 1 capsule and empty the entire contents into a dosing cup of suitable size. Add 20 mL of water to the dosing cup and thoroughly mix by swirling the cup for at least 30 seconds to ensure the mixture is uniform. Immediately after mixing, use an oral syringe to draw up and administer 3.3 mL of the water and drug mixture. Discard the remaining mixture.  Note: Dosing should be followed by a feeding.
3 kg to < 6 kg	7 lbs to < 13 lbs	50 mg (1/4 capsule) every 12 hours	Carefully open 1 capsule and empty the entire contents into a dosing cup of suitable size. Add 20 mL of water to the dosing cup and thoroughly mix by swirling the cup for at least 30 seconds to ensure the mixture is uniform. Immediately after mixing, use an oral syringe to draw up and administer 5 mL of the water and drug mixture. Discard the remaining mixture.  Note: Dosing should be followed by a feeding.
6 kg to < 13 kg	13 lbs to < 28 lbs	100 mg (1/2 capsule) every 12 hours	Carefully open 1 capsule and empty the entire contents into a dosing cup of suitable size. Add 20 mL of water to the dosing cup and thoroughly mix by swirling the cup for at least 30 seconds to ensure the mixture is uniform. Immediately after mixing, use an oral syringe to draw up and administer 10 mL of the water and drug mixture, either directly or mixed in a small amount of soft food (e.g., apple sauce, yogurt). Discard the remaining mixture.  Note: Dosing should be followed by a feeding.



13 kg to < 25 kg	28 lbs to < 55 lbs	200 mg (1 capsule) every 12 hours	Carefully open the required number of capsules and mix contents of capsule(s) with 30 mL of liquid (e.g., milk, chocolate milk, water <sup>c</sup> ) or soft food (e.g., apple sauce, yogurt). Administer the entire mixture within 30 minutes of preparation.
25 kg to < 40 kg	55 lbs to < 88 lbs	400 mg (2 capsules) every 12 hours	
40 kg to < 120 kg	88 lbs to < 264 lbs	600 mg (3 capsules) every 12 hours	
120 kg and above	≥ 264 lbs	600 mg (3 capsules) every 8 hours	

<sup>a</sup> For patients weighing ≥ 13 kg, tecovirimat capsules should be taken within 30 minutes after a full meal containing moderate or high fat. For pediatric patients weighing < 13 kg, tecovirimat dose should be followed by a feeding. The standard treatment duration is 14 days. Based on the risk-benefit assessment of individual patients and depending on the disease progression, tecovirimat treatment may be extended beyond 14 days or shortened due to lack of virologic or clinical response, or occurrence of adverse events. Data on duration other than 14 days are limited.

<sup>b</sup> Opening tecovirimat capsules and mixing in water for children weighing < 13 kg, which **differs** from the FDA-approved [tecovirimat package insert](#), is **allowed** under this IND protocol.

<sup>c</sup> Use of water for oral dose preparation and administration is not in the FDA-approved labeling but is allowed under this IND protocol.

The adult dosing does not preclude pregnant or nursing individuals if careful clinical assessment of risk/benefit deems tecovirimat treatment appropriate per the treating clinician's clinical judgement (see **Section 6.0** for Special Populations). PK information is not available for pediatrics. The pediatric doses are solely based on predicted exposures from population PK simulation predicted to provide pediatric patients with exposures comparable to the observed exposure in healthy adult volunteers receiving oral 600 mg doses twice daily. Oral doses less than 200 mg require careful preparation by a caregiver (e.g., opening a capsule and mixing the capsule contents in water, then administering a portion of the drug-water preparation) and has the inherent potential for inaccurate dosing. Suboptimal dosing increases the potential for development of resistance. Tecovirimat absorption may likely be decreased and result in potential suboptimal exposure in ill children, particularly young children, who are unable or unwilling to take a full meal prior to tecovirimat administration. **The potential for inaccurate dosing when opening capsules for doses below 200 mg may be higher in the outpatient setting.**

#### 4.1.1 Duration of Oral Therapy

The standard duration of tecovirimat treatment for patients of all ages is 14 days. Data on duration other than 14 days are limited. Adjustments to dose and/or duration of tecovirimat treatment may be necessary per individual clinical considerations. Based on the risk-benefit assessment of individual patients and depending on the disease progression, oral tecovirimat treatment may be extended beyond 14 days or shortened due to lack of virologic or clinical response, or occurrence of adverse events. Tecovirimat treatment beyond the standard 14-day course may be considered at short increments of extension (e.g., 7 to 10-day or 14-day course) at a time while monitoring for clinical improvement or lack of response and adverse events to reassess continuing or stopping tecovirimat treatment accordingly. In the 3-month general toxicology studies with oral (gavage) tecovirimat in mice and monkeys, no adverse, drug-related findings were observed.

#### 4.1.2 Patients who are Unable to Swallow Capsules

For outpatients (adults and children) who require less than a 200 mg dose or who are unable to swallow capsules, treating clinicians should provide instructions on how to open capsules and mix in water or with food ([Attachment 3](#)). The dosing instructions for using less than 1 capsule (200 mg) have not been formally evaluated but are included to provide dosing options for younger age children, especially if IV tecovirimat is not available or feasible for administration.

For inpatients (adults and children) unable to feed by mouth and with no evidence of gastrointestinal dysfunction, tecovirimat may be administered via a nasogastric tube (NGT) per hospital protocol based on clinical judgment on an individual basis if IV tecovirimat is unavailable or IV infusion is not feasible (e.g., renally impaired patient, lack of syringe pumps). Although NGT administration is allowed under the IND to provide an alternative option in case of limited supply of IV tecovirimat or if infusion is not feasible, compatibility studies on enteral administration of tecovirimat have not been conducted.

## 4.2 IV Therapy for Adults and Children

Due to potential accumulation of HP- $\beta$ -CD, an excipient in the IV tecovirimat formulation which is eliminated through glomerular filtration, FDA-approved [package insert](#) contraindicates IV tecovirimat in patients with CrCl <30 mL/min. Oral tecovirimat option should be exhausted, including enteral administration via NG tube. See **Section 2.2 Tecovirimat Ineligibility**.

Tecovirimat injection vials should be stored at 2-8°C (35-46°F). IV tecovirimat must be diluted prior to administration. See the [Package Insert](#) for additional details.

- Withdraw the volume of tecovirimat injection solution corresponding to the dose in Table 2. Add this volume to a suitable size syringe. Then dilute by adding 2 equal parts of either 0.9% normal saline or 5% dextrose solution to the syringe containing tecovirimat solution.
- Gently swirl the syringe of in-use solution prior to inserting into the syringe pump and infuse over 6 hours.
- The diluted IV tecovirimat should be administered immediately upon preparation and must be used within 24 hours of preparation if stored at 2-8°C (35-46°F).

**Table 2. Recommended Pediatric and Adult Tecovirimat Injection for IV Infusion<sup>a</sup>**

Weight (kg)	Weight (lbs)	Recommended Dose	Volume of IV Tecovirimat <sup>b</sup>	Volume of Diluent <sup>c</sup>	Total Volume for Infusion
< 35 kg <sup>d,e</sup>	< 77 lbs	6 mg/kg every 12 hours by IV infusion over 6 hours	0.6 mL/kg	1.2 mL/kg	Varies by weight
35 kg to < 120 kg	77 to < 264 lbs	200 mg every 12 hours by IV infusion over 6 hours	20 mL	40 mL	60 mL
120 kg and above <sup>f</sup>	≥ 264 lbs	300 mg every 12 hours by IV infusion over 6 hours	30 mL	60 mL	90 mL

<sup>a</sup> FDA-approval of IV tecovirimat is for a 14-day treatment course of a life-threatening indication of smallpox.

Patients should be switched to tecovirimat oral capsules to complete the 14-day treatment course as soon as oral therapy can be tolerated.

<sup>b</sup> 10 mg/mL stock solution containing 40% hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (8 g per vial) with water for injection.

<sup>c</sup> Diluent is either 0.9% (w/v) sodium chloride injection or 5% (w/v) dextrose injection solution.

<sup>d</sup> IV tecovirimat dose of 6 mg/kg for children <3 kg is **allowed** under this IND protocol, which **differs** from the FDA-approved [tecovirimat package insert](#). Individualized dosing may need to be considered depending on the neonate or infant weight and any underlying conditions. Pediatric doses are solely based on predicted exposures from population PK simulation based on observed exposure in healthy adult subjects receiving 600 mg oral doses twice daily.

<sup>e</sup> For children under 2 years of age: monitor renal function during the treatment course given the potential for drug accumulation due to renal immaturity of pediatric patients less than 2 years.

<sup>f</sup> Depending on size of syringe available with syringe pump system, two separate syringes may be needed for each 6-hour administration

Based on currently available information, the infusion should be administered over 6 hours via syringe pump. The 6-hour duration of infusion is based on how the IV formulation was evaluated, observed

transient ataxia in nonhuman primates dosed over 4 hours at 30 mg/kg, and to target optimal antiviral effect. The administration via syringe pump is based on available compatibility data for the formulation. Due to the high content of the inactive ingredient hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin in IV tecovirimat formulation (8 gm HP- $\beta$ -CD per 200 mg tecovirimat injection vial), there is an elevated risk for potential leaching of impurities into the solution during preparation and administration when equipment other than syringes/syringe pumps are used. This has been mitigated through appropriate studies for syringe pumps. Therefore, the use of empty or prefilled infusion bags are not recommended for use with IV tecovirimat. The manufacturer recommends against the use of glass IV bottles for preparation and administration of IV tecovirimat (see SIGA's Dear Healthcare Provider letter at [https://www.siga.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NDA\\_Final.pdf](https://www.siga.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NDA_Final.pdf)).

#### 4.2.1 Duration of IV Therapy

The duration of IV tecovirimat for patients of all ages is 14 days if the patient's condition necessitates IV administration (e.g., inability to tolerate the oral form, severity of symptoms [e.g., systemic illness], comorbidities, underlying disease, and/or other factors that may alter oral drug absorption). IV tecovirimat should only be administered while patients are unable to take oral therapy or there is a concern that oral drug absorption may be altered. **Patients should be switched to the oral formulation as soon as they are able to take oral medications and/or gastrointestinal dysfunction impacting absorption has resolved.** The timing of transition to oral therapy is based on the clinical judgement of the treating clinician depending on the clinical progress of the patient, and any monitoring that may be needed to ensure adequate oral drug absorption.

#### 4.4 Discontinuation of Tecovirimat

At any time during treatment, a patient may voluntarily discontinue or refuse tecovirimat treatment for any reason, or treatment may be stopped or paused due to serious adverse events (SAEs), clinically significant abnormalities in laboratory values or per the clinical judgment of the treating clinician and/or appropriate health authority.

#### 4.5 Drug-Drug Interactions

Tecovirimat is a weak inducer of cytochrome P450 (CYP)3A and a weak inhibitor of CYP2C8 and CYP2C19. However, the effects are not expected to be clinically relevant for most substrates of those enzymes based on the magnitude of interactions and the duration of treatment of tecovirimat. See **Table 3a** for clinical recommendations for select sensitive substrates. Co-administration of tecovirimat with repaglinide may cause hypoglycemia. Monitor blood glucose and monitor for hypoglycemic symptoms during co-administration.

**Table 3a. Significant Drug Interactions**

Concomitant Drug Class: Drug Name	Effect on Concentration <sup>a</sup>	Clinical Effect/Recommendation
Blood Glucose-Lowering Agent:		
Repaglinide <sup>b</sup>	↑ repaglinide	Monitor blood glucose and monitor for hypoglycemic symptoms in patients when tecovirimat is co-administered with repaglinide
Central Nervous System Depressant:		
Midazolam <sup>b</sup>	↓ midazolam	Monitor for effectiveness of midazolam

<sup>a</sup> ↓ = decrease, ↑ = increase

<sup>b</sup> These interactions have been studied in healthy adults.

Based on a drug interaction study, no clinically significant drug interactions have been observed when tecovirimat is co-administered with bupropion, flurbiprofen, or omeprazole.

While no clinical drug-drug interaction studies have been conducted between antiretroviral drugs and tecovirimat, based on FDA assessment of drug interaction study results with other drugs, no dose

adjustments are needed when tecovirimat is co-administered with rilpivirine, doravirine, or maraviroc. However, Cabenuva (cabotegravir and rilpivirine kit) should not be initiated during tecovirimat treatment and for 2 weeks after completion of tecovirimat treatment (**Table 3b**). For more information, see: [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7132e4.htm?s\\_cid=mm7132e4](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7132e4.htm?s_cid=mm7132e4).

**Table 3b. Antiretroviral Drug Interactions**

Concomitant Drug Name	Clinical Effect/Recommendation
Cabenuva (cabotegravir and rilpivirine kit)	Avoid initiation of Cabenuva during tecovirimat treatment and within 2 weeks post tecovirimat treatment
Rilpivirine	No dose adjustment needed
Doravirine	No dose adjustment needed
Maraviroc	No dose adjustment needed

A complete list of concomitant medications and medication history should be reviewed when starting a patient on tecovirimat treatment, and clinicians should monitor for potential drug-drug interactions accordingly. Any SAEs that occur must be reported by returning a completed MedWatch form to CDC (see **Section 8.0** for required SAE reporting and definitions of AEs).

No vaccine-drug interaction studies have been performed in human subjects. Studies in mice and non-human primates have indicated that tecovirimat co-administered with live smallpox vaccine (vaccinia virus) may reduce the immune response to the vaccine [10, 11]. The clinical impact of this interaction on vaccine efficacy is unknown.

## 5.0 POSSIBLE RISKS OF TECOVIRIMAT TREATMENT

Co-administration with repaglinide may cause hypoglycemia. Monitor blood glucose and monitor for hypoglycemic symptoms during co-administration. Other risks associated with administration of tecovirimat to patients with orthopoxvirus infections are unknown. See **Section 10.1** for more information on human safety, including adverse events to oral and IV tecovirimat.

### Contraindications, Warnings, and Precautions

Given the theoretical safety concern of renal toxicity related to HP- $\beta$ -CD exposure, IV tecovirimat has a labeled contraindication in patients with severe renal impairment (CrCl <30 mL/min). IV tecovirimat in patients with decreased renal function, including severe, moderate (defined as CrCl 30-49 mL/min) and mild (defined as CrCl 50-80 mL/min), should be used with caution, monitoring of renal function, and considered on a case-by-case determination by the treating clinician based on clinical judgment of the risk/benefit for the patient. Serum creatinine levels should be closely monitored and, if renal toxicity is suspected, consideration should be given to switching to oral tecovirimat as feasible. See **Section 6.4** for additional information.

## 6.0 SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Tecovirimat treatment may be considered for patients in the following special populations based on careful clinical assessment of individual patient's clinical condition and weighing the serious risk of orthopoxvirus infection and potential benefit of tecovirimat with the potential risks of this product.

### 6.1 Pregnancy

Tecovirimat has not been studied in pregnant individuals; however, reproductive development studies have been performed in mice and rabbits and no embryo-fetal abnormalities were recorded. Pregnant mice were administered tecovirimat orally at doses up to 1,000 mg/kg/day from gestation Days 6-15 (approximately 23 times higher than human exposure at the recommended human dose). Considering the serious, and potentially deadly, risks associated with orthopoxvirus infections (e.g., vaccinia [including complications from smallpox vaccine or secondary exposure to a smallpox-vaccinee], mpox, and cowpox), the potential benefits of treatment with oral or intravenous tecovirimat may outweigh the unknown pregnancy risks associated with tecovirimat.

## 6.2 Lactation

No studies of tecovirimat use in nursing individuals have been conducted. Considering the serious, and potentially deadly, risks associated with orthopoxvirus infections (e.g., variola, vaccinia [including complications from smallpox vaccine or secondary exposure to a replication-competent smallpox-vaccine], mpox, and cowpox), the potential benefits of treatment with oral or intravenous tecovirimat may outweigh the unknown risks associated with tecovirimat use during lactation. Because of the potential for virus transmission through direct contact with the breastfed infant, breastfeeding is not recommended while the nursing individual has active lesions. A lactating individual may consider interrupting breastfeeding and may consider pumping and discarding breast milk during treatment.

In lactating mice given oral tecovirimat doses up to 1,000 mg/kg/day, mean tecovirimat milk to plasma ratios up to approximately 0.8 were observed at 6 and 24 hours post-dose when administered orally on lactation Day 10 or 11.

## 6.3 Pediatric Population

As in adults, the effectiveness of tecovirimat in pediatric patients is based solely on efficacy studies in animal models of orthopoxvirus disease. As exposure of healthy pediatric subjects to tecovirimat with no potential for direct clinical benefit is not ethical, PK simulation was used to derive dosing regimens that are predicted to provide pediatric patients with exposures comparable to the observed exposure in adults receiving 600 mg twice daily. The dosage for pediatric patients is based on weight. Considering the serious, and potentially deadly, risks associated with orthopoxvirus infections (e.g., vaccinia [including complications from smallpox vaccine or secondary exposure to a smallpox-vaccine], mpox, and cowpox), the potential benefits of treatment with oral or intravenous tecovirimat may outweigh the unknown pediatric risks associated with tecovirimat.

### IV tecovirimat

There are limited data regarding the use of HP- $\beta$ -CD, an ingredient in IV tecovirimat, in pediatric patients < 2 years of age. Given the potential for drug accumulation due to renal immaturity in pediatric patients less than 2 years, monitoring of renal function during the treatment course is recommended.

## 6.4 Patients with Renal Impairment

### Tecovirimat capsules

No dosage adjustment is required for patients with mild, moderate or severe renal impairment or patients with end stage renal disease (ESRD) requiring hemodialysis [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

### IV tecovirimat

IV tecovirimat has a labeled contraindication in patients with severe renal impairment ( $\text{CrCl} < 30 \text{ mL/min}$ ) because of the potential risk of HP- $\beta$ -CD accumulation, which is removed by glomerular filtration. Renal function and laboratory values should be monitored during IV tecovirimat treatment, especially in patients with decreased renal function.

## 7.0 CLINICAL ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING OF PATIENTS

Upon presentation, the patient should be thoroughly assessed per clinician's judgement to determine if tecovirimat treatment is appropriate. This may include a medical history, review of concomitant medications, and a physical examination with vital signs (e.g., weight, blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate, temperature, and height). Clinical assessment and monitoring can be conducted in person or by **telemedicine**, whichever is feasible.

### **NEW as of October 28, 2022: [TPOXX IND Registry and Access to the Secure Electronic Patient Intake and Clinical Outcome Forms](#)**

- Beginning on October 28, 2022, all providers must register as participating providers under the CDC-held EA-IND protocol by completing the TPOXX IND Online Registry for



Providers/Facilities. The registry includes an online Form FDA 1572. Providers should register prior to providing tecovirimat treatment to the extent feasible and **no later** than within 7 calendar days of first prescribing or administering tecovirimat.

- Also starting on October 28, 2022, the required Patient Intake and optional Clinical Outcome forms are available electronically for completion and submission to CDC for each patient treated with tecovirimat. Because the forms involve providing personally identifiable information, they are not publicly posted. Rather, access to the secure externally facing electronic forms will be sent via email to **registered providers**. Please be informed that system-generated emails containing a **tokenized link** for each electronic form (e.g., Patient Intake Form and Clinical Outcome Form) will be sent to **registered provider's email address** from "CDC TPOXX IND <no-reply [dcipher@cdc.gov](mailto:dcipher@cdc.gov)>."
- The providers who have submitted Form FDA 1572 and/or TPOXX IND Patient Intake or Clinical Outcome forms to CDC prior to the online registry are considered participating providers and do not need to register. These providers with valid email addresses included in the returned forms to CDC received emails containing a **tokenized link** for each electronic form in late October. For details, please refer to [Information for Healthcare Providers: Tecovirimat \(TPOXX\) for Treatment of Mpox | Mpox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

Treating clinicians or their designees will be responsible for patient assessment, monitoring, and reporting information to CDC. The following are **required** to be completed, retained, and/or returned to CDC:

- [Obtain Informed Consent](#) – **prior** to initiating tecovirimat treatment; provide a copy to the patient and retain a copy at the treating facility/institution. A copy does NOT need to be returned to CDC. *Only if* the signed informed consent forms cannot be maintained at the treating facility/institution and there are no other suitable means to store/retain the documents, then they may be sent to CDC within 7 calendar days of tecovirimat initiation.
- [Register online](#) (required for new providers only) – All new providers must register as participating providers by completing the [Tecovirimat \(TPOXX\) IND Online Registry for Providers/Facilities](#) prior to providing tecovirimat treatment to the extent feasible and **no later** than within 7 calendar days of first prescribing or administering tecovirimat.
- Complete electronic Patient Intake form - this must be completed for each patient who is prescribed and treated with tecovirimat. Complete the electronic form as soon as feasible and **no later** than within 7 calendar days of tecovirimat initiation. For patients who are being re-initiated on tecovirimat treatment after completing a prior tecovirimat treatment (e.g., re-infection), a new Patient Intake form should be completed and returned to CDC. The relevant information may include:
  - Medical history, baseline signs/symptoms, vital signs, concomitant medications
  - *If* clinical laboratory parameters are tested per treating clinician's clinical judgment depending on patient's underlying condition.
- Adverse Event Reporting – Report serious or life-threatening AEs (e.g., anaphylaxis, hospitalization/prolonged hospitalization, death; see below the definition of SAE), selected AEs of interest (see below the list) and/or medication errors associated with tecovirimat to CDC. An electronic Serious Adverse Event Reporting form may be made available to replace the use of MedWatch form. Access to the electronic AE Reporting form may be provided through a system-generated email notification, similar to the electronic Patient Intake and Clinical Outcome forms access. Until then, please continue to report SAEs and/or selected AEs of interest (defined below) by:
  - Completing a fillable-PDF [MedWatch Form](#) and returning to CDC via email ([regaffairs@cdc.gov](mailto:regaffairs@cdc.gov)) within 72 hours of awareness or sooner if possible. A fillable-PDF MedWatch Form can also be downloaded from [MedWatch Forms for FDA Safety Reporting | FDA](#)
  - SAE is defined as death, life-threatening AE, inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization, persistent or significant incapacity or substantial disruption of the



ability to conduct normal life functions; congenital anomaly/birth defect; an important medical event that based on appropriate medical judgement may jeopardize the patient and may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the aforementioned outcomes.

- Selected AEs of interest include: seizure, tremor and/or tingling sensation, purpura, renal function abnormalities, or hepatic function abnormalities

### Optional Clinical Outcome Form:

- To the extent feasible, conduct patient follow-up within 3-14 calendar days after completion of tecovirimat, and please return the completed optional Clinical Outcome form electronically to CDC within 7 calendar days of last patient follow-up.
- Providers are strongly encouraged to please complete and return the Clinical Outcome form electronically to the extent possible, especially for patients who:
  - Received extended course(s) of tecovirimat beyond initial 14-day treatment or received repeat courses of tecovirimat after completing a prior treatment course
  - Pregnant patients
  - Pediatric patients
  - Patients who were hospitalized, including those who receive IV tecovirimat
  - Discontinued tecovirimat treatment prior to the standard 14-day course
- The relevant information may include:
  - Progress of tecovirimat therapy and clinical outcomes, clinical labs (*if* performed based on clinical judgment depending on patient's underlying condition), and lesion/scab and serum samples (*if* collected).

### Optional Laboratory Testing

Under this IND program, the following laboratory testing are **not required** and optional per treating clinician's decision:

- Perform clinical laboratory testing (e.g., hematology, chemistry, urinalysis) per treating clinician's clinical judgment depending on the underlying clinical conditions to monitor the safety of tecovirimat treatment (e.g., baseline, during, or post treatment) as appropriate.
- Lesion samples may be sent to CDC for tecovirimat-treated patients with persistent lesions and/or any new lesions that develop during and/or tecovirimat treatment to assess for development of antiviral resistance mutations. Submit samples to CDC with [CDC Form 50.34](#), and indicate [Poxvirus Molecular Detection \(CDC-10515\)](#) as the test order (code). See **Attachment 4** ([Optional Lesion Samples to CDC for Resistance Testing](#)) for collection and shipping instructions on information. The resistance testing at CDC is available if there is clinical suspicion of lower effectiveness (not resolving lesion, new lesions). Results will not be made available to guide individual patient management, but will be used for the public health purpose of monitoring potential emergence of antiviral resistance.

Serology testing at CDC is available if requested by the treating clinicians. Testing may be considered if there are concerns that the patient may not develop a normal immune response. Samples collected at baseline may be important for later interpretation.

- If feasible to participate in plasma pharmacokinetic sample(s) collection for testing at a designated laboratory (Alturas Analytics) to help inform drug exposure, see [Attachment 5](#) for instructions. Please ensure CDC ([regaffairs@cdc.gov](mailto:regaffairs@cdc.gov)) is notified if PK samples are sent to Alturas to help match the patient information submitted to CDC under the IND with the patient PK samples sent to Alturas. Clinicians may consider prioritizing collection of PK samples from certain patients (e.g., critically ill patients, pediatric, pregnant) whose drug exposure levels may need to be monitored.

Results may not be available in time for directly informing individual patient management, but would inform drug exposure levels of patients with orthopoxvirus infections.

**Table 4. Summary of Clinical Assessment and Monitoring Parameters**

<div> <div>Days</div> <div>Parameters</div> </div>	Pre-Tecovirimat Treatment <sup>a</sup>	Post Completion of Tecovirimat Treatment <sup>a</sup>
	Patient Intake Form (Attachment 2 -A)	Optional Clinical Outcome Form (Attachment 2 -B)
	Prior to first dose of Tecovirimat (≤ 24 hours)	Outpatients: 3-14 Days after treatment completion
Sign Informed Consent	x	N/A
Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	x	N/A
Baseline clinical assessment	x	N/A
Clinical progress	N/A	x
Serious Adverse Events <sup>d</sup>	N/A	Report if SAEs, select AEs of interest, and/or medication errors occur
Lesion Photos <sup>b</sup>	Optional	Optional
Hematology, chemistry, urinalysis	Optional	Optional
Lesion samples	Optional	Optional (for any new lesions post-treatment)
PK samples	Optional	Optional

<sup>a</sup> For outpatients, assessment may be conducted via **telemedicine**.

<sup>b</sup> Optional digital photos of lesions at baseline and post therapy, if feasible.

<sup>c</sup> SAEs must be reported to CDC within 72 hours of awareness or sooner if possible.

## 8.0 RECORDING AND REPORTING SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENTS

### 8.1 Definitions (21 CFR 312.32)

An **ADVERSE EVENT** (AE) is any untoward medical occurrence associated with the use of tecovirimat in humans, whether or not considered related to tecovirimat. It can be any unfavorable and unintended sign (e.g., an abnormal laboratory finding), symptom, or disease temporally associated with the use of tecovirimat, without any judgment about causality.

A **SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTION** is any AE for which there is a reasonable possibility that tecovirimat caused the AE. It is a subset of all AEs for which there is a reasonable possibility that tecovirimat caused the event. “Reasonable possibility” means there is evidence to suggest a causal relationship between tecovirimat and the AE. “Suspected adverse reaction” implies a lesser degree of certainty about causality than “adverse reaction.”

An **ADVERSE REACTION** is any AE caused by tecovirimat. Adverse reactions are a subset of all suspected adverse reactions for which there is a reason to conclude that tecovirimat caused the event.

**UNEXPECTED:** An AE is considered “unexpected” if it is not listed in this protocol or Package Insert, or is not listed at the specificity or severity observed.

**SERIOUS:** An AE or suspected adverse reaction is considered “serious” if in the view of either the treating clinician or CDC, it results in any of the following outcomes:

- death
- a life-threatening AE
- inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization

- a persistent or significant incapacity or substantial disruption of the ability to conduct normal life functions
- a congenital anomaly/birth defect

**NOTE:** Important medical events that may not result in death, be life-threatening, or require hospitalization may be considered serious when, based upon appropriate medical judgment, they may jeopardize the patient and may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the outcomes previously listed.

**LIFE-THREATENING:** An AE or suspected adverse reaction is considered “life-threatening” if, in the view of either the treating clinician or CDC, its occurrence places the patient at immediate risk of death. It does not include an AE or suspected adverse reaction that, had it occurred in a more severe form, might have caused a death.

## **8.2 Treating Clinician Reporting Requirements to CDC**

All SAEs and selected AEs of interest must be reported. These include all SAEs and selected AEs of interest that the patient reports spontaneously, those the clinician observes, and those the clinician elicits in response to open-ended questions. All SAEs and selected AEs of interest, whether or not the treating clinician considers the event to be drug-related, must be reported to CDC within 72 hours of awareness or sooner if possible (see Section 7.0).

## **8.3 CDC Reporting Requirements to FDA and CDC Institutional Review Board (IRB)**

CDC will review all SAEs and report serious, unexpected suspected adverse reactions to FDA within 15 calendar days of initial receipt or after determining that the information qualifies for reporting under 21 CFR 312.32I(1).

In cases of unexpected suspected adverse reactions that are fatal or life-threatening (serious), CDC will report to FDA as soon as possible, but no later than 7 calendar days after initial receipt of the information (21 CFR 312.32(c)(2)).

**All three (3)** of the definitions contained in the requirement must be met for expedited reporting to FDA:

1. Serious,
2. Unexpected, and
3. Suspected Adverse Reaction.

CDC will report all serious and unexpected suspected adverse reactions and incidents to CDC IRB according to CDC IRB’s policy and procedures.

AEs that are voluntarily reported by providers to CDC that do not meet the requirements for expedited reporting to FDA will be submitted under the IND in Annual Reports.

## **9.0 REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

CDC, the sponsor of the IND, and all licensed healthcare providers who request and receive tecovirimat under this IND protocol will abide by the Code of Federal Regulations (in particular, 21 CFR Parts 50, 56, and 312). The IND protocol is subject to FDA’s review and authorization as well as review and approval by an Institutional Review Board (IRB). CDC IRB serves as the central IRB for review and approval of this tecovirimat IND protocol, and has determined it non-research (i.e., does not constitute human subjects research per 45 CFR 46.102(1)). Therefore, participating sites may use CDC IRB’s approval of this protocol that meets FDA’s requirements regarding IRB review per 21 CFR Parts 50 and 56.

Any change or modification to the IND protocol that affects purpose, procedures, or significant data or administrative aspects of the program will require a formal amendment. Such amendments will be

submitted to FDA for review and approved by the CDC IRB prior to implementation. Revised IND protocol and/or procedural modifications will be communicated by CDC to the clinicians and medical facilities participating in the tecovirimat treatment.

### **Data Management and Handling**

IND case report forms (**Attachment 2**), laboratory results, visit summaries, hospital discharge summaries, medical records, etc., may be used as source documents. The information obtained through the case report forms of this IND protocol and additional supplemental information provided by treating clinicians to CDC will be maintained by the CDC. Any analysis of data contents will be conducted without individual identifiers. The information gathered under this expanded access IND program and any analysis generated will be reported to the FDA as part of the annual report for this IND. Data from case report forms and other related information collected under this IND may also be provided to SIGA Technologies, Inc. and the Department of Health and Human Services/Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (HHS/BARDA). Information about specific treating clinicians (i.e., names, CVs, or Form FDA 1572) and/or hospitals/sites may be shared with FDA, and local public health jurisdictions, and the manufacturer. Any information pertaining to treating clinicians and/or participating sites that are provided to the manufacturer is limited to use in the manufacturer's discussions with health authorities concerning this CDC-sponsored IND program.

### **Informed Consent**

Informed consent in compliance with 21 CFR 50 must be obtained via the enclosed informed consent/permission form (**Attachment 1**) from the patient, including adolescents, deemed as mature or emancipated minors by state and/or local law who can consent for themselves, before tecovirimat is administered. If the patient is unable to give consent, consent can be obtained from a legally authorized representative (LAR).

A single consent form (**Attachment 1**) will be used to obtain informed consent/parental permission. Waiver of assent for children (7–11 years of age) under 21 CFR 50.55(c)(1) and for children (12–17 years of age) under 21 CFR 50.55(c)(2) was approved by the CDC IRB for all patients under this IND program. Parental permission will be sought in accordance with 21 CFR 50.55 for children aged 12–17 years (permission of only one parent is required) with exceptions for adolescents, deemed as mature or emancipated minors by state and/or local law who can consent for themselves for medical care. The ultimate responsibility for decision-making regarding treatment with tecovirimat in minors should lie with the parent or guardian, or by the adolescents, deemed as mature or emancipated minors by state and/or local law who can consent for themselves for medical care.

For patients with limited English proficiency, if a version of the informed consent form is not available in the patient's (LAR's) language, the form must be translated orally by a certified interpreter. If a certified interpreter is not available, another adult who is fluent in both English and the language needed may interpret, provided the patient (parent/LAR) is comfortable sharing medical information (i.e., the reason treatment is being offered) with that person. If a facility wishes to create a written translation of the informed consent form, the CDC IRB-approved informed consent form must be translated by a certified translator and the translation must be submitted to and approved by the CDC IRB prior to use. A short form for obtaining informed consent from patients with limited English proficiency, along with a written summary of the information in the informed consent form (**Attachment 1**) for use with the short form are available online on [CDC's website](#). The same requirements for interpretation or translation additionally apply to the short form.

In the rare situation that a patient is unable to respond and make wishes known about tecovirimat treatment, no next-of-kin or legal representative is available, and the patient's illness is life-threatening, obtaining informed consent may be deemed not feasible per 21 CFR 50.23 "Exception from general

requirements.” In such situations that necessitate tecovirimat treatment, the patient’s treating clinician and a clinician who is not otherwise participating in this expanded access IND program will document the clinical determination on the last page of the informed consent form (**Attachment 1**). The information in the consent form should be provided to the patient or LAR at the first available opportunity. Notify CDC via email ([regaffairs@cdc.gov](mailto:regaffairs@cdc.gov)) within 3 working days of tecovirimat initiation when the treatment determination was made based on the mentioned certification by the treating and an independent clinician.

## 10.0 SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE SAFETY AND EFFICACY DATA OF TECOVIRIMAT

### 10.1 Human Safety Data of Tecovirimat

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice. The safety of tecovirimat has not been studied in patients with smallpox or non-variola orthopoxvirus disease.

#### *Oral tecovirimat*

The largest safety study of oral tecovirimat was in 359 healthy adult subjects ages 18–79 years in a Phase 3 clinical trial.

#### Most Frequently Reported Adverse Reactions to Oral Tecovirimat

The most frequently reported adverse reactions were headache and nausea. Adverse reactions that occurred in at least 2% of subjects in the tecovirimat treatment group are shown in **Table 5**.

**Table 5. Adverse Reactions Reported in  $\geq 2\%$  of Healthy Adult Subjects Receiving at Least One Dose of Oral Tecovirimat 600 mg**

	<b>TPOXX 600 mg N=359 (%)</b>	<b>Placebo N = 90 (%)</b>
Headache	12	8
Nausea	5	4
Abdominal Pain <sup>a</sup>	2	1
Vomiting	2	0

<sup>a</sup> Includes abdominal pain, abdominal pain upper, abdominal distension, abdominal discomfort, abdominal pain lower, and epigastric pain.

#### Adverse Reactions Leading to Discontinuation of Oral Tecovirimat

Six subjects (2%) had tecovirimat discontinued due to adverse reactions. Each of these subject’s adverse reactions (with severity) is listed below:

- Electroencephalogram change, abnormal
- Mild upset stomach, dry mouth, decreased concentration and dysphoria
- Mild nausea and fever, moderate diarrhea, severe headache
- Mild palpable purpura
- Mild nausea, fever and chills
- Mild facial redness, facial swelling and pruritus

#### Less Common Adverse Reactions to Oral Tecovirimat

Clinically significant adverse reactions that were reported in  $< 2\%$  of subjects exposed to tecovirimat and at rates higher than subjects who received placebo are listed below:

- Gastrointestinal: dry mouth, chapped lips, dyspepsia, eructation, oral paresthesia
- General and administration site: pyrexia, pain, chills, malaise, thirst
- Investigations: abnormal electroencephalogram, hematocrit decreased, hemoglobin decreased, heart rate increased

- Musculoskeletal and connective tissue: arthralgia, osteoarthritis
- Nervous system: migraine, disturbance in attention, dysgeusia, paresthesia
- Psychiatric: depression, dysphoria, irritability, panic attack
- Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders: oropharyngeal pain
- Skin and subcutaneous tissue: palpable purpura, rash, pruritic rash, facial redness, facial swelling and pruritis

#### Adverse Events to IV Tecovirimat

The most frequently reported AEs in a multiple-dose study of IV tecovirimat included infusion site pain, infusion site swelling, infusion site erythema, infusion site extravasation, and headache. Three subjects (12%) had their treatment with IV tecovirimat discontinued due to an AE for the following reasons: infusion site extravasation (moderate); infusion site extravasation (mild); infusion site swelling and pain (mild). Adverse reactions that occurred in at least 4% of subjects in the tecovirimat treatment group are in **Table 6**. Adverse reactions that were reported in < 4% of subjects exposed to tecovirimat and at rates higher than subjects who received placebo were: infusion site discomfort, infusion site edema, myalgia, arthritis, back pain, muscle tightness, diarrhea, photophobia, and pruritus generalized.

**Table 6. Adverse Reactions Reported in  $\geq$  4% of Healthy Adult Subjects Receiving At Least One Dose of IV Tecovirimat 240 mg**

	<b>IV Tecovirimat 600 mg N =26 (%)</b>	<b>Placebo N = 6 (%)</b>
Infusion Site Pain	73	67
Infusion Site Swelling	39	67
Infusion Site Erythema	23	67
Infusion Site Extravasation	19	50
Headache	15	0

## **10.2 Clinical Use of Tecovirimat**

### **NV-OPXV-infected Patients (2007–2021)**

While tecovirimat has not been studied in human orthopoxvirus disease, tecovirimat treatment was provided under expanded access IND (EA-IND) to 7 patients in the United States (including one pediatric patient) and in at least 5 patients outside the United States prior to the 2022 mpox outbreak. Three of the U.S. patients were treated under this protocol. The outcomes of the clinician uses described below suggest tecovirimat may provide clinical benefit in the treatment of orthopoxvirus infections.

**E-IND No. 74,773:** In March 2007, tecovirimat treatment was provided to a 28-month-old male child with eczema vaccinatum due to direct contact with a vaccinia vaccinee [12]. The patient's history included eczema and failure to thrive. The patient presented to the emergency room with high fever and severe eczema. Initially, the child was treated with Vaccinia Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) (VIGIV) but his condition continued to worsen and on hospital Day 6 he exhibited progressive metabolic then respiratory acidosis, hypoalbuminemia, hypothermia, and hypotension through March 10, 2007. Tecovirimat was orally administered via a nasogastric tube for 14 days, beginning on March 11, 2007 (hospital Day 9). The dosing regimen of tecovirimat was:

50 mg (5 mg/kg) March 11–12

75 mg (7.5 mg/kg) March 13–14

100 mg (10 mg/kg) daily from March 19–24

Tecovirimat doses were adjusted to achieve a target peak level of 1,000 ng/ml, based on the efficacy NHP studies available at the time. Prior to initiation of tecovirimat, the child also received cidofovir (5 mg/kg) and repeated doses of VIGIV, with the last dose of VIGIV administered on March 27, 2007. Clinical



signs of the child's improvement were observed within 1 week of the anti-viral intervention (tecovirimat and cidofovir) and VIGIV. The child was extubated on April 2, 2007, moved out of intensive care on April 8, 2007, and discharged to home on April 19, 2007 (hospital Day 48). There were no AEs that could be attributed to tecovirimat [12].

E-IND No. 104,793: In March 2009, a possible progressive vaccinia (PV) case involving a 20-year-old male military smallpox vaccinee was identified [13]. The patient's history included post-vaccination neutropenic fever which was diagnosed on January 28, 2009 as acute myelogenous leukemia M0 (AML M0). Approximately two weeks after a second round of induction chemotherapy, the patient's vaccination site deteriorated to a deep bulla, 4 cm in diameter, with a raised edge and central bleeding crust. Viral culture of a lesion swab and PCR viral analysis confirmed the presence of orthopoxvirus. Serum showed equivocal to absent anti-orthopoxvirus IgG or IgM by an ELISA test. Based on the patient's history and test results, a diagnosis of PV was made. After receiving an initial dose of VIGIV, oral and topical tecovirimat was administered per the following dosing regimen:

400 mg once daily (oral) March 5–19, except March 8 (no dose administered)  
800 mg once daily (oral) March 20–24  
1200 mg once daily (oral) March 25–May 18  
Topical 1%, 0.5 mL once daily March 6, April 21–May 12  
1%, 0.5 mL twice daily March 7–April 20

Doses were adjusted to achieve a peak level of tecovirimat of 1500 ng/mL. The patient also received repeated doses of VIGIV, topical Imiquimod, and six oral doses of CMX001 (lipidated cidofovir). Early in treatment, the patient developed *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* sepsis, multiorgan failure, required stress dose steroids because of his prior induction regimens, required excessive vasopressor support ultimately later resulting in bilateral trans-tibial amputation. Also later during treatment, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infection was detected in vaccination satellite lesions. Despite the patient's protracted clinical course with sepsis and superinfections, probably due to cellular immunodeficiencies, after more than 2 months of antiviral therapy, the patient was ultimately discharged in September 2009 after testing negative for vaccinia virus.

E-IND No. 106,338: In August 2009, tecovirimat treatment was provided to a 35-year-old female patient who developed vesiculopustular skin lesions on her arm and hand due to accidental exposure to recombinant-vaccinia-based rabies vaccine in a bait found by the patient's dog [14]. The patient had a history of Crohn's disease and was undergoing treatment with daily azathioprine and infliximab every 6 weeks. After vaccinia-positive PCR results, the patient was given VIGIV and started on a daily oral dose of tecovirimat (400 mg) for 14 days. The lesions healed and the patient was discharged.

E-IND No. 112,324: In May 2011, tecovirimat was used to treat a 25-year-old healthy, immunocompetent female patient with a history of acne who was believed to have contracted a live vaccinia virus infection on her chin while changing a bandage covering the smallpox vaccination site of her boyfriend, a military contractor. The patient was treated with VIGIV and placed under house quarantine. A daily oral dose of tecovirimat (400 mg) was administered for 14 days. The patient responded well to treatment, with no apparent AEs. As of August 2011, the patient was doing well and her lesions had completely healed with minimal scarring.

IND 116,039, CDC IRB #6402: In January 2016, a previously healthy 19-year-old male in the U.S. military sought treatment for complications that developed 1 day after receiving ACAM2000® (live vaccinia vaccination) inoculation [15]. Symptoms included malaise requiring bed rest, odynophagia, and retrosternal chest pain. Later the patient developed worsening erythema and deep pain in the area surrounding the inoculation site, a lesion on his right scalp, and a lesion on his left flank. PCR results of the lesion swabs confirmed the presence of orthopoxvirus. The patient was diagnosed with acute myeloid

leukemia. Due to the need for the patient to receive chemotherapy and concern for immunosuppression that might lead to progression of vaccinia infection, the patient received oral tecovirimat 600 mg twice daily (BID) for a total duration of 62 days. No dose adjustments were made during his tecovirimat treatment course. The patient tolerated the course of tecovirimat well; there were no reports of adverse events. Throughout the patient's course, he received three doses of VIGIV and treatment for acute myeloid leukemia including chemotherapy.

IND 116,039, CDC IRB #6402: In January 2019, an unvaccinated healthy 26-year-old female laboratorian working with vaccinia virus developed a single vesicular lesion and swelling on her left index finger 10 days after a needle-stick injury [16]. Two days later, she developed fever, left axillary lymphadenopathy, malaise, pain, and worsening edema of her finger. The patient received 600 mg orally BID for a total of 14 days. During the patient's course, she received a single dose of VIGIV and antibiotics (clindamycin and cephalexin) because of concern about possible secondary bacterial infection. Within 48 hours of treatment initiation, fever and lymphadenopathy resolved, and the local pain and edema decreased. During treatment with tecovirimat and antibiotics, the patient experienced mild adverse events (i.e., nausea, loss of appetite, fatigue, myalgia, and pruritus), and pain in her left finger and arm. Areas of necrotic tissue did not fully resolve until day 94.

IND 116,039, CDC IRB #6402: In July 2021, an early middle-aged male developed fever, cough, and fatigue, followed by onset of a diffuse rash within 1 week of traveling in Nigeria. The patient had extensive pustular rash on his face. His symptoms progressed to diarrhea, vomiting, cough, subjective fever, fatigue, and purulent rash. The patient was confirmed to have mpox virus infection and was treated with a 14-day course of tecovirimat, receiving 600 mg oral BID for the first 19 doses and 200 mg IV BID for the remaining 9 doses. The patient was reported not to have experienced any tecovirimat-related AEs and experienced resolution of mpox symptoms.

Tecovirimat use outside the US:

- In December 2009, the Division of Infectious Diseases at Helsinki University Central Hospital requested from SIGA tecovirimat for compassionate use in a 32-year-old female patient who was suffering from severe keratoconjunctivitis. The patient had been on various treatments since September 2009 and the chief physician reported the possibility of orthopoxvirus infection, as she tested PCR-positive for ocular cowpox virus. Plasma, serum and tear tecovirimat concentrations were monitored during treatment, and appeared adequate. There were no serious drug-related AEs reported. As of April 2010, the patient's corneal inflammation had improved. Orthopoxviral culture remained negative, but the PCR assay still tested positive.
- In August 2019, SIGA provided tecovirimat capsules for treatment of a 32-year-old male patient with cowpox infection. The patient had a kidney transplant in 2006 and had taken immunosuppressive drugs (tacrolimus and mycophenolate mofetil). A total of 18 doses of tecovirimat were administered. The patient was hospitalized for 15 days and was in intensive care for 5 days for the orthopoxvirus infection; however, the patient did not recover from the infection. The patient's liver and kidney functions worsened over time. Additionally, he experienced severe worsening of oral mucosa [sic], obstruction of airways with acute respiratory failure and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and septic shock. In September 2019, the patient died from multi-organ failure due to cowpox. The patient was reported to have tolerated the shorter than recommended tecovirimat course well. Information on adverse events with an onset after tecovirimat initiation was not available.
- In August 2019, SIGA provided tecovirimat capsules for treatment of a 57-year-old white female with cowpox who had had a history of lung transplantation and renal impairment. The patient was treated with tecovirimat for one month, discontinued, and then restarted tecovirimat treatment at the end of November until the patient succumbed to renal failure in March 2020. No adverse events attributed to tecovirimat were reported.

- In November 2019, SIGA provided tecovirimat capsules for treatment of a 35-year-old white female with a pre-existing condition of neurodermitis (atopic dermatitis) with no smallpox vaccination record and unknown exposure date. Her baseline physical assessment on November 2019 recorded 5 lesions assumed to be cowpox over <10% of her body (right hand). She received tecovirimat capsules twice daily for a total of 7 days (14 doses) with no reported adverse events during the treatment. The patient recovered from the infection.
- In 2021, a patient who was part of a cluster of cases with mpox in the UK associated with travel from Nigeria was treated with a 2-week course of oral tecovirimat (600 mg twice daily) after developing malaise, headache, pharyngitis, and vesicles on her thorax that were PCR positive for mpox [4]. The patient's blood and upper respiratory tract samples became PCR negative 48 hours after initiation of tecovirimat and remained negative at 72 hours. The patient did not develop new lesions after 24 hours of tecovirimat therapy and reported no adverse effects.

## **2022 Mpox outbreak**

Based on a summary of the demographics, characteristics, and clinical use of tecovirimat among 549 patients under this EA-IND, tecovirimat is generally well tolerated and it continues to be made available during the 2022 mpox outbreak [17] in concert with CDC's interim clinical guidance for treatment of mpox. For demographics of patients who received tecovirimat during the mpox outbreak, refer to [Demographics of Patients Receiving TPOXX for Treatment of Mpox | Mpox | Poxvirus | CDC](#).

### **10.3 Tecovirimat Efficacy in Animals**

The effectiveness of tecovirimat for treatment of smallpox disease has not been determined in humans because adequate and well-controlled field trials have not been feasible and inducing smallpox disease in humans to study the drug's efficacy is not ethical. Therefore, the effectiveness of tecovirimat for treatment of smallpox disease was established based on results of adequate and well-controlled animal efficacy studies of non-human primates and rabbits infected with non-variola orthopoxviruses. Survival rates observed in the animal studies may not be predictive of survival rates in clinical practice.

Efficacy studies were conducted in cynomolgus macaques infected with mpox virus and New Zealand white (NZW) rabbits infected with rabbitpox virus. The primary efficacy endpoint for these studies was survival. Treatment with oral tecovirimat given at Day 4 and 5 post-challenge for 14 days resulted in statistically significant improvement in survival relative to placebo, except when given to cynomolgus macaques starting at Day 6 post-challenge. See the [Package Insert](#) for more information.

### **10.4 Pharmacokinetics Data**

Because the effectiveness of tecovirimat cannot be tested in humans, a comparison of tecovirimat exposures achieved in healthy human subjects to those observed in animal models of orthopoxvirus infection (non-human primates and rabbits infected with mpox virus and rabbitpox virus, respectively) in therapeutic efficacy studies was necessary to support the dosage regimen of 600 mg twice daily for treatment of smallpox disease in humans. Overall, the PK profiles of tecovirimat and its metabolites following a single oral dose and single, 6-hour IV infusion were similar in animal and human studies [10, 18]. For both oral and IV routes of administrations, accumulation is observed after repeated administration, and steady-state is achieved within 6 days. Refer to the [Package Insert](#) for PK parameters of tecovirimat.

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